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1. A report dated early October 1949 stated that an airfield between Berat and Kucove (reported in March 1950 as being situated 40°-46'-45" North and 19°-53'-55" East) had been placed exclusively at the disposition of the Soviet Air Force. Soviet technicians were training 120 cadet pilots there. The airfield had pursuit planes and twin engine bombers.
2. At the beginning of January 1950 the training courses were discontinued. A report dated early March stated that approximately 20 Albanian cadets were taken to Soviet Russia and that aircraft at the Berat-Kucove airfield left Albania for an unknown destination. An informant reported that in early March 1950 there was only one pursuit plane at the airfield; this was a Greek pursuit plane shot down by the Greek guerrillas and repaired by the Albanians.

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